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3. (New) An interactive audiovisual distribution method comprising:

forwarding to a distribution center requests for delivery of selected segments of audiovisual programs from a subscriber station, at least one of said requests including a time allowance interval within which a respective one of said selected segments is to be delivered;

receiving said requested program segments from said distribution center; and decompressing said requested program segments which are in compressed video format.

4. (New) The method according to claim 3, wherein the time allowance interval includes specification of a maximum time period within which the selected segments are to be received at the subscriber station.

5. (New) The method according to claim 3, further including interactively communicating between the distribution center and subscriber station information including program segment selection and price.

6. (New) The method according to claim 5, wherein said step of interactively communicating includes communication over telephone lines,

7. (New) The method according to claim 3, further including multiplexing at said distribution center a plurality of said requested program segments to respective plurality of subscriber stations via a single communication medium.

8. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein said communication medium is a fiber optic link.

9. (New) The method according to claim 3, further including scheduling delivery of said requested program segments as a function of the rate of arrival of said requests.

10. (New) The method according to claim 3, further including weighing each said requests and scheduling deliveries in successive weight order.

11. (New) The method according to claim 3, wherein communication between said distribution center and said subscriber station utilizes wireless transmission.

12. (New) The method according to claim 3, further including storing the program segments in a memory of said subscriber station.